



**Wisconsin Society of
Professional Engineers**

May 2, 2007

r.e. 2007 AB181 and AB69

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The Honorable Mark Honadel
Committee on Labor and Industry
Wisconsin State Legislature

Dear Representative Honadel:

I am testifying at the public hearing regarding 2007 AB181 and AB69 on behalf of the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE) as WSPE president. WSPE represents the licensed Professional Engineer in Wisconsin. Our mission is to promote the ethical, competent, and licensed practice of engineering, and to enhance the professional, social, and economic well being of our members.

WSPE is part of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) which is the recognized voice and advocate of licensed Professional Engineering in every state of the US and several territories. The first two canons of the profession's code of ethics are: 1) for engineers to Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and 2) for engineers to perform services only in areas of their competence.

Regarding Continuing Professional Competency, NSPE has adopted a Professional Policy stating:

It is the policy of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) to endorse the efforts of the professional/technical societies, engineering schools, and industry in the areas of continuing education and to support mandatory continuing professional competency for engineers and land surveyors wherein such programs provide for uniformity and comity among licensing jurisdictions.

NSPE endorses the appropriate section of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model rules for Continuing Professional Competence and urges its state societies to assist state licensure boards in implementing these rules. (Reference: NCEES Model Rules for Continuing Professional Competence)

The Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers Board of Directors has voted to endorse 2007 Assembly Bill 181. WSPE has not yet adopted a detailed position on rule implementation such as NSPE did in specifying the NCEES Model rules, but WSPE intends to provide input and guidance towards this and believes any rule decisions should come in large part from the people within the profession that WSPE represents.

Regarding licensing requirements for professional engineers, the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers Board of Directors has also voted to endorse 2007 Assembly Bill 69.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robb A. Peebles'.

Robb Peebles, P.E.
WSPE President



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Testimony to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Industry

AB 96 Continuing Education Requirements for Professional Engineers, and AB 181 Continuing Education for Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers of Engineering Systems, and Land Surveyors

May 2, 2007

My name is Gretchen Wheat, a professional engineer registered in this state. I am also a member of the State Engineering Association which I am representing at this hearing. The State Engineering Association is the collective bargaining unit representing state employees in professional occupations related to engineering. The State Engineering Association is unique in several ways. It is the only independent bargaining unit in this state, and is operated by the association membership.

The State Engineering Association is not opposed to the addition of a continuing education requirement to maintain an engineering related professional license. Such requirements are widely recognized to ensure ongoing and improved expertise.

However, the State Engineering Association seeks your support to ensure the state will fulfill its corresponding role as an employer by providing adequate funding to pay for continuing education for state engineering related positions.

In this regard, the state currently provides a variety of in-house employee training opportunities, certain of which address engineering topics. But, in-house technical courses are not uniformly provided among state agencies, and training budgets overall have been significantly reduced in all state agencies in recent years. In addition, in-house training does not normally include accredited courses suitable for maintenance of a professional license.

Particularly if continuing education is added to engineering related professional credentials, the State Engineering Association believes the state may need to modify in-house training programs to meet the professional continuing education standard.

Regardless of how the state elects to ensure that its engineering professionals receive necessary continuing education, the bottom line is that it will cost money. It is not appropriate to cover the increased training costs with compensation reserve funds, thereby reducing potential future wage increases to employees. Without funding for state engineering employee training, this bill will amount to an unfunded mandate.

I appreciate being able to share these concerns with you. Please contact us if you have questions about these comments, or would like to discuss these issues further.

Testimony

Assembly

PUBLIC HEARING

Committee on Labor and Industry

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

11:00 AM

225 Northwest

State Capitol

Assembly Bill 181

Martin J. Hanson, PE

Joint Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,
Professional Engineers, Designers & Land Surveyors--Chairman
Professional Engineers Section--Chairman

Committee on Labor and Industry

Representative Honadel, chair,

Representative Gottlieb, vice-chair

Representatives Nass, Wieckert, Newcomer, Murtha,

Nelson, Sheridan and Van Akkeren, members

Chairman Honadel and honorable members of the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Labor and Industry:

Hello, my name is Marty Hanson and I am the chairperson of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors, which is also known as the A-E Joint Board.

The A-E Joint Board supports AB 181, which would grant the Joint Board the statutory authority to implement rule-making to require continuing education for the professions regulated by the Board. Legislative oversight would still exist through the rulemaking process.

Wisconsin is one of only a few remaining states that do not require continuing education, or Continued Professional Competency (CPC) as it is more often recently referred to. Establishing a requirement for professionals to become involved in activities that assist them keep pace and informed with changes in technology, research, and professional ethics will be a further step in the board's mission to protect public health safety and welfare.

The A-E Joint Board is requesting that they be allowed the ability to initiate rulemaking to require continuing education for the professions that they regulate. Each section of the Joint Board will deliberate specific requirements for their respective discipline.

The A-E Joint Board is in support of this legislation.

I appreciate your time and request your support of AB 181.

Thank you.

Testimony of State Representative Steve Wieckert

Assembly Bill 181 – Land Surveyor & Professional Engineer Continuing Education *Assembly Committee on Labor & Industry* *225 Northwest – May 2, 2007*

Good morning chairman Mark Honadel and committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Assembly Bill 181, regarding continuing education for land surveyors, landscape architects, and professional engineers

Currently most professional organizations in Wisconsin have various licensing and registration requirements to ensure a high quality of workmanship in the industry and protect consumers. A continuing education credit requirement is oftentimes included in this process.

This bill would allow the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors to establish continuing education requirements that a person must complete in order to renew his or her credentials.

The continuing education requirement will help ensure that land surveyors and other engineering professionals will keep up-to-date on the latest industry practices and regulations, and will help to maintain the high quality of service they provide to Wisconsin consumers. Currently, 29 out of 50 states have a continued education requirement for license in these fields.

This legislation is supported by:

- American Council of Engineering Companies
- Wisconsin Society of Architects
- Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors
- Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors
- Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors
- Wisconsin Society of Civil Engineers
- Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing

Thank you for your consideration. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions of the committee.

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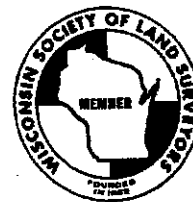
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Rep. Steve Wieckert
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Re: LRB 0857/1

Dear Rep. Wieckert:

On behalf of the Society of Southeastern Land Surveyors, inc., Milwaukee Metro Chapter. I would like to advise you that at our February 22nd meeting we voted to support legislation that would amend Chapter 443 of the Statutes. This legislation would grant rulemaking authority to the Department of Regulation and Licensing to establish continuing education requirements for registered land surveyors.

Our Chapter is an association of approximately 75 members, with about 40 licensed to practice in the state, while the remaining are technicians, students and others interested in the profession. Also please note that Wisconsin is one of fewer than ten states that do not now require mandatory continuing education for land surveyors.

Sincerely,

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President

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March 5, 2007

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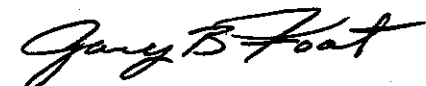
RE: Chapter 443 & Continuing Education

Dear Representative Wieckert,

I am the State Representative for the Southeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors. On January 26, 2007, at the Board of Directors Meeting for the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, Lisa Van Horn, President, had asked the Chapter Reps to submit letters regarding approval of Continuing Education.

Our Chapter met on February 21, 2007. There were fourteen members in attendance. A vote was taken for or against continuing education, of which thirteen were in favor and one against.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary B. Foat
State Rep SE Chapter WSLs

CC: Lisa Van Horn

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Re: LRB 0857/1

Dear Rep. Wieckert:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, I wish to thank you for your past willingness to support legislation that would amend Chapter 443 of the Statutes. As you know, it would grant rulemaking authority to the Department of Regulation and Licensing to establish continuing education requirements for registered land surveyors.

This is to advise you that our Society board at its January 26 meeting renewed its resolve to pursue this legislation in the coming months. We are pleased to learn that you have already resumed your efforts on our behalf and that of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. Since the land surveyor section of the Registration Board functions jointly with the architects, engineers and landscape architects, we trust that you'll also gain support from their members and from their sponsors in the legislature.

The Society is an association of approximately 1100 members, with about 750 licensed to practice in the state, while the remaining are technicians, students and others interested in the profession. It may interest you to know that Wisconsin is one of fewer than ten states that do not now require mandatory continuing education for land surveyors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any assistance in expediting this legislation. Also standing by to assist is our legislative committee chairman Francis Thousand (608) 821-8530 and our lobbyist, Bill O'Connor (608) 255-7277, who will be in contact with you in the next week or two.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold S. Charlier".

Harold S. Charlier
Executive Director

Copy: Atty. William P. O'Connor



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January 25, 2007

Representative Steve Wieckert
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RE: LRB-0857/1, Continuing Education Coordinator

Dear Representative Wieckert:

ACEC WI supports your legislation relating to continuing education for design professionals. It is an opportunity to move our position on continuing education forward. We support the enabling language for the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors to allow it to establish continuing education requirements for these licensed professionals.

The ACEC WI Board of Directors adopted our position, relating to mandatory continuing education, in June 2005. It states:

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Wisconsin (ACEC WI) believes all professional engineers should maintain a professional standard of competence. ACEC WI supports lifelong learning and continuing education programs to supplement active practice. One of ACEC WI's strategic plan goals is to provide a strong educational program focused on specific member needs.

ACEC WI's member firms pledge to uphold high professional and ethical standards. ACEC WI supports enabling legislation that would allow the Engineers Section of the Joint Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors to promulgate rules to require continuing education for license renewal. Requiring proof of current competence is necessary for Wisconsin to keep pace with the rest of the nation.

Thank you for your support of our industry and this very important legislation to further lifelong learning. Consulting engineers provide value to this state and the educational component further allows our members to withhold their pledge to protect the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,


Carol Godiksen
Executive Director



Northeast Wisconsin Chapter
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Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors



September 29, 2006

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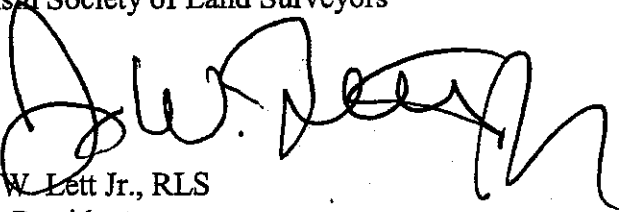
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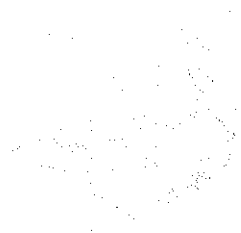
At the August Board of Directors meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, we discussed the topic of implementing requirements for continuing education relative to the profession of land surveying. While we realize that the Department of Regulation & Licensing and state legislators like yourself are at the beginning of discussions to make this requirement become a reality, we would like to let you know that you have the full and unanimous support of the 2006 elected Board of Directors of the Northeast Chapter.

If there is anything that we as a group and profession can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors


Joseph W. Lett Jr., RLS
Chapter President



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April 25, 2007

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RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION—2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 181

Dear Rep. Wieckert:

On behalf of AIA Wisconsin, the state society of The American Institute of Architects, thank you for sponsoring 2007 Assembly Bill 181. As you are aware, this proposed legislation would allow the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors to establish continuing education requirements for individuals to renew their license in Wisconsin. It is our understanding that the Assembly Committee on Labor and Industry has scheduled a public hearing for May 2.

AIA Wisconsin supports this proposed enabling legislation. Because new codes, materials, products, technologies and delivery systems are constantly changing the way in which buildings are designed and constructed, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) supports lifelong learning and continuing education programs to supplement active practice. Continuing education is required for individual architects to maintain their AIA membership.

Currently, 35 states require continuing education for architects to renew their license, including Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. Wisconsin is one of four additional states considering legislation similar to AB 181.

Thank you, again, for your support for this continuing education enabling legislation. With over 1,500 individual members, AIA Wisconsin represents architects in private practice, business, industry, education and government.

Cordially,

AIA Wisconsin

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 181 May 2, 2007

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Wisconsin's land was first described nearly 200 years ago by the U.S. Public Lands Survey, which established the Towns, Ranges, Sections and smaller divisions still referenced in most rural surveys. That was frontier work, conducted by surveyors with chains and sextants.

Modern survey tools include GPS satellite-based data transmission, laser measurement, computer aided mapping and other highly sophisticated tools. Survey practice has also become more complex, with multi-dimensional surveys, condominium plats and other types of land maps unknown only a few years ago. Surveyors also need to keep current on legal developments affecting survey practice, including court decisions and evolving state and local platting regulations.

For the past seven years, the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors has conducted a surveyor-training program available to our members and all licensed land surveyors. This voluntary program, developed in conjunction with the State Examining Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, reaches a broad segment of practicing surveyors.

As the complexity of survey practice has increased, the Society has been convinced that mandatory continuing education is necessary to protect landowners and purchasers. We appreciate the interest of Rep. Wieckert and other members in introducing AB 181 and urge the Committee to recommend the bill for passage.



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May 1, 2007

Rep. Scott Newcomer
Committee on Labor and Industry

Re: AB-181

Dear Rep. Newcomer:

As you know, one of the items scheduled for discussion at tomorrow's meeting will be a proposal to revise Section 443 of the Statutes relating to continuing education for architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors. As executive director of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, I wish to inform you that the board of directors of the Society fully supports this legislation.

Many of our members are small business owners, who understand and appreciate the need for the entire profession becoming up to speed on the latest technologies and ever-changing regulations at every government level. Unfortunately, the only way to ensure that property owners are adequately protected by well-informed professionals is through a mandatory program.

Wisconsin is one of six states that does not now have any requirements for mandatory continuing education for land surveyors. Since the Society has had over seven years of experience in administering its own voluntary continuing education program, it is well-positioned and prepared to assist in handling the administration of a mandatory program.

Your support of this legislation would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold S. Charlier".

Harold S. Charlier
Executive Director



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May 1, 1967

Professor R. M. Waymouth
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Dear Sir:

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Currently 35 states require continuing education for renewal of professional licensure for design professionals. Our neighboring states of Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota all require continuing education. Michigan has enacted enabling legislation. Therefore, ACEC WI strongly urges the committee's passage of AB 181. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

